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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lawrence E. Bodkin, Sr.

Serial No.: 09/496,467

Filed: 02/02/2000

For: BUOYANCY DEVICES USING CONFORMAL CAVITIES

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Group Art Unit

Examiner:

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

✓ Line 5, after "for", insert "--cavities and--"

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Page 1, below heading "-BACKGROUND INFORMATION-" and before first paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

A' --Advantages of hydrostatic buoyant support mechanisms, including hydraulic distribution of load, a self-leveling characteristic for platforms, resilient response to overload stress etc., have been largely unappreciated due to the space and weight disadvantages associated with a perceived requirement for large quantities of liquid and also because of the potentiality of a disturbing wave motion problem that is possible in such quantities. Buoyancy achieved with relatively small quantities of water would eliminate such disadvantages and problems and expand the use of buoyant support.--

✓ Page 2, line 7, delete "be"

✓ Page 3, line 13, delete first occurrence "listed"

✓ Page 3, line 17, delete "as", insert "--and--"

✓ Page 3, line 21, after "water", insert period --.--

✓ Page 3, line 22, delete "my" insert "--the--"

✓ Page 4, line 18, delete "We", insert "--You--"

✓ Page 6, line 8, delete "introduce", insert "--introduced--"

✓ Page 6, line 20, after "not", insert "--always--"

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